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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hickman et al.

08/410,620

Application No.: 08/810,679

Filed: February 28, 1997

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMPUTING
WITHIN A WIDE AREA NETWORK



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>	<u> </u>	X09 = \$
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- Applicant(s) hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
- Enclosed is our Check No. 5889 in the amount of \$190.00 to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0384 (Order No. JCIPP103). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT B

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 1999, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19 and 20.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A cluster computer system comprising:

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